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Partly cloudy with a high of 72 and a low of 50.

FRIDAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 75 and a low of 49.

SATURDAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 68 and a low of 38.

SUNDAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 66 and a low of 40.

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Jeff Cavano

Christian Community Board Responds To Controversy

Students, Pastor And Board Members Hold Meeting To Discuss Concerns Surrounding Gay Students' Feelings Of Exclusion

By JORDY KEITH

Assistant News Editor

A group of concerned students met last Wednesday with the Campus Christian Community Board to voice their concerns over recent changes that have left many gay students feeling that they are no longer welcome at the center.

These changes include the decision of the interim pastor, Mochel Morris, to remove a certificate declaring the center an inclusive community, the removal of pamphlets dealing with homosexuality and the removal of condoms in the bathroom.

Liz Neidig, a member of the student ministry team and Pride Reflecting Individuality of Sexual Minorities (PRISM), drafted a "vision" and presented it to the board. Based on input from other students, the vision calls for resuming the search for a permanent campus minister and reinstating the missing items to the CCC.

While Morris, acting interim minister since the departure of Pastor Daphne Burt last semester, has been accused of not welcoming sexual minorities to the CCC, she stated at the meeting that such a claim was false.

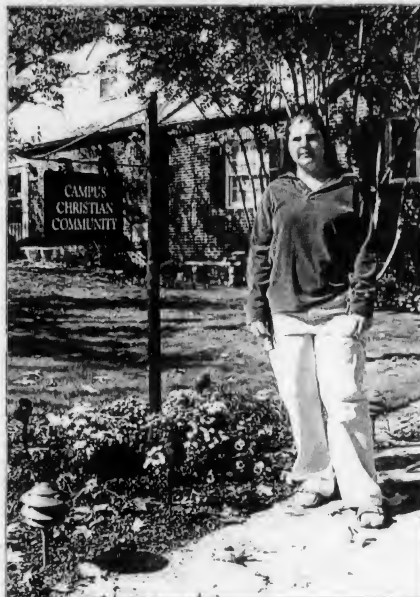
"I'm sorry if anyone feels I have ignored or neglected them," Morris said. "I haven't done that, especially due to their sexual orientation."

However, some attendees continued to voice their disagreement with Morris.

Chris Elkins, a member of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) which uses the CCC's Dandridge Street center as a meeting place, spoke about the changes the community group has felt over recent months.

"We noticed as soon as [Burt] left that there was a certain coldness in reception to our community here," Elkins said, before explaining that PFLAG is searching for a new meeting place. "I'm a pretty good judge of people. I know when I'm loved and when I'm not, and I think there is a problem."

Other board members agreed with Elkins.



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Junior Liz Neidig, member of the CCC student ministry team and PRISM, has said that she feels an absence of support at the Campus Christian Community.

"I don't feel as comfortable here as I have in the past because the effort has not been here to address me," community-at-large board member Donna Deats said. "Tolerance is different than being embraced."

Donald Glover, secretary of the board and distinguished professor emeritus of English at the college, said he was concerned about the removal of the Reconciled in Christ certificate.

The certificate, given by the Lutheran community, stated that the

CCC was a church community that is welcoming and inclusive to all people. Morris had told students that it was taken down in September because the board had never voted on allowing it to be hung.

"This is an important issue," Glover said. "The board never authorized the removal. I was concerned about the fact that, without any action of the board, it

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Construction Creates Headaches

By CAROLINE WALLINGER

Staff Writer

Alvey Drive will remain closed for three to four more weeks due to construction and behind-schedule improvements to Goodrick Hall. Despite the current clutter of construction on the north end of campus, John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services, expects the work mostly to be done within the next week or two.

"The HVAC [heating, ventilation and air-conditioning] project is just a tad overschedule," Wiltenmuth said. "It was supposed to be complete before students returned, and the air-conditioning was actually working by the time the student body came back, but there are still a few minor adjustments to be made before it's done."

The project, conducted by Warren Flynn Construction, costs a total of \$2 million. According to Wiltenmuth, the air conditioning does work, but he said that heat rather than air-conditioning is currently being used in Goodrick Hall.

The intramural fields behind Alvey Hall have been unavailable this year to students and will remain so for at least three more weeks, according to Wiltenmuth. Although the sod is already laid down, and the crew will finish dressing the edges this week, it will take a few weeks before the new grass settles and the field is usable. The delay has raised mixed opinions among students who use the fields.

"Intramural soccer was delayed heinously long as a result of the restructuring," sophomore Chris

Alvey Drive will remain closed for three to four weeks while crews work to "rebuild" the hill.



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Hillers said. "It's a major pain in that we will be delayed until it gets cold."

Hillers does not feel that the fields needed such extensive work done to them.

"The fields I play on at home are really crappy, so I never thought they were that bad that they needed all of this time and expense to fix them. It seems a misallocation of resources being as the fields were alright," Hillers said. "While I'm sure they are doing a good job fixing it, it isn't a job that I think needed to be done."

Sophomore Danny Douglass thinks the changes to the field are much needed.

"I played intramurals last year and found the field to be one of the worst I'd ever played on," he said. "Slanted, with clumps of grass and uneven corners, and the areas around the goals were almost complete dirt. I am glad that even though the intramurals were delayed that they are taking their time and doing it right."

As these two projects wrap up, the work concerning the entrance to the Alvey Lot is just warming up. According to Wiltenmuth, the slope leading into the lot began to slough, as the dirt from the hill slid downward.

"Cars can't drive on that until it's rebuilt," Wiltenmuth said.

The crew will be working to rebuild the hill, but construction has not been started yet because the new plan is still being designed.

"Rain or weather could slow progress, but it looks like the whole thing should take about three or four months to complete," Wiltenmuth said.

Students Unite With Common 'DREAM'

By JORDY KEITH

Assistant News Editor



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Juniors Shahla Chohan (top left), Reksha Spellman (top right), and Tiffany Curry discuss goals of DREAM at a meeting of the Black Student Association. The group's primary goal is reverse changes at the Multicultural Center.

Members of the newly formed campus group Students Demanding Rights, Education, and Multiculturalism (DREAM), held a silent protest against recent changes in the Multicultural Center Saturday during the women's soccer team's Homecoming game.

Nearly 40 students wore red shirts, held signs, and sat silently in the center of the bleachers during the game. Toni Fashola, a junior, was the group's spokesperson, answering questions from the crowd and passing out fliers.

"Some parents and visitors came up and asked us what was going on and some students gave us words of encouragement and thumbs up," she said.

Fashola passed out fliers explaining DREAM's demands, which include restoring the center's space in Lee Hall to the administrators of Multicultural Affairs who have been moved to Marye House, reinstating the title

of vice president to the head of Multicultural Affairs, and improving existing multicultural programming.

Earlier in the week, some members of DREAM had an informal lunch meeting with the President's Working Group, which consists of President William Anderson and Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the president. The students presented Anderson with a list of their demands, but some of the participants felt that he did not recognize their concerns as they had hoped.

"He didn't want to talk about the demands of DREAM, he wanted to talk to us as students with concerns," Devon Williams, a junior, said.

Fashola agreed with Williams. "I was really angry, I feel he purposely didn't address any issue," she said. "We'd bring up specific questions and he wouldn't address them."

Anderson was not available for comment. However, in a Free Lance-Star article on Thursday,

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College No Longer Considering Obelisk

New Committee To Decide On Project For GW Circle

By RYAN HAMM
Assistant News Editor

The plan to construct a 30-foot eagle-topped obelisk in George Washington Circle to represent school spirit has been rejected. Instead, a new committee will be formed to decide what to do with the circle.

Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, will create the new committee.

"The obelisk structure plans died on the vine," Hurley said. "From what I could tell there was a lot of dissatisfaction with the idea so the college decided not to pursue it."

The original plans, which were proposed and debated last February, called for the design and construction of an obelisk and eagle "spirit column" in George Washington Circle. The project was to be funded with money from the Campus Beautification Fund. The Board of Visitors authorized the entire George Washington Circle project, including the obelisk with an eagle and landscaping, not to exceed \$300,000.

As both students and faculty voiced oppositions to the structure, it became obvious that the construction would probably not happen.

President William Anderson said, "It just went by the way side and since it was not very popular. We decided that we should work on a better idea."

According to Hurley, the new committee will be called the GW Circle Committee and will consist of eight to 10 members of both students and faculty.

"We will get a broad based group of students and faculty and they will come up with ideas for the circle," Hurley said. "As of now, the money is still in the foundation and none of it will be spent until we have a new idea."

Student Government Association President Kelly Turcic

felt that there was too much student opposition to the plans and is glad that now student input will be more involved with the ideas for the circle.

"I think the donor had really good intentions but students should have an equal say in what kind of structure they put up to represent school spirit," Turcic said.

Craig Vasey, professor of philosophy and faculty representative to the Board of Visitors, sent a mass e-mail to faculty last spring expressing his reservations about the project and soliciting their opinion. He said that one faculty member described the structure to him as "hideous."

"If we are going to build things on campus of that sort, we ought to have a community with more design input before anything like that is done," Vasey said. "We had to inform the faculty and students of what was going to be done and offer them a chance to voice their opinions because we all should have a stake in the future of the campus."

The GW Circle Committee, which will be formed within the next few weeks, will work with local architects to come up with ideas for the circle, and according to Hurley, they should have a final idea drawn up by the end of the academic year. But whatever plan they finally propose has to be approved by the donor.

Junior Brevin Balfrey-Boyd said he is glad that students are being consulted about the project before any final plans are made.

"It is good that students are going to be consulted about the issue because the final decision should be made by everyone involved on campus," Balfrey-Boyd said. "Something that is going to be placed where we live should be decided upon by us."

"If we are going to build things on campus of that sort, we ought to have a community with more design input before anything like that is done."

Craig Vasey



Compiled by Mark H. Rodeffer

In Debate, Senate Candidates Challenged To Stop Negative Advertising

In a debate Sunday night Senate candidates Chuck Robb and George Allen squared off on a variety of issues. Criticizing Allen's plan for deep tax cuts, Robb said, "George has a math problem. He's making promises he can't keep and America can't afford." Allen said Robb was the candidate with the wrong approach. "He believes that if we just raise taxes and send more money to Washington that the federal government will solve all our problems," Allen said. Challenged by the debate's moderator to stop all negative television advertising, Robb said he would agree if Allen would, but Allen refused, saying such an agreement could not be enforced.

Cop Cleared In Shooting Case

Cpl. Carlton B. Jones, a Prince George's County, Md. police officer, will not face any criminal charges for fatally shooting a Howard University student on Sept. 1. Believing the student was a drug dealer or had stolen a gun from police, Jones followed him from Maryland through Washington, DC to Fairfax County, Va., where he shot the man nine times. A Fairfax prosecutor said that the student rammed into Jones' unmarked car at least two times, and that the officer acted in self-defense.

Presidential Accuser Poses Nude

Paula Jones, whose allegation that Bill Clinton sexually harassed her while he was governor of Arkansas started the saga that led to Clinton's impeachment, defended her decision to pose nude for Penthouse magazine. In an appearance on Larry King Live earlier this week, Jones said she posed for the magazine because of financial obligations as a single mother with a looming tax bill and two sons. Jones, who had earlier said that she would never pose nude in a magazine, told King, "I don't see how it makes me an immoral person by doing something that will benefit my children."

Mr. Spock's Ears Up For Bids

The pointed ears of Mr. Spock of the legendary sci-fi show Star Trek will soon be on the auction block. Christie's in Los Angeles is auctioning four pairs of Vulcan ears worn by actor Leonard Nimoy in the 1960s show, and expects to rake in about \$2,000 for each pair. A plaster mask made from the face of William Shatner, who played Capt. Kirk on the show, is also being auctioned off and is expected to fetch \$6,000.

No Clemency For Clemens

New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens was fined \$50,000 Tuesday for throwing part of a broken bat at New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza in Game Two of the World Series. Clemens, who was not ejected for throwing the bat in the first inning of the Sunday game, has seven days to appeal the decision. Fines are sometimes reduced on appeal. An arbitrator cut John Rocker's \$20,000 fine for making racist and homophobic comments in a magazine to \$500.

Tensions Continue At CCC

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disappeared."

After the meeting, President of the Board Catherine Walker also spoke about the removal of the certificate.

"I don't think there was an intention to cause an affront to anyone," Walker said. "[The removal is] one of the unfortunate things that has been done and we need to talk about it."

Matt Simpson, a freshman, spoke out at the meeting against reinstating the missing items.

"The goal of the CCC is to have a Christ-centered community and in doing that there's a lot of biblical principles we have to follow," Simpson, who was specifically asked by Morris to attend the meeting, said. "I don't see how [the items are] going to

promote a likeness to Christ."

At the end of the meeting, the board decided to create a committee composed of students and board members who will make recommendations to the board about the recent changes.

"We need to redefine our ministry so we're ministering to everyone," Walker said afterward. "We need to make sure to not advocate one particular group at the expense of another."

Tammie Willis, a member of both PRISM and the CCC, is hopeful that discussion generated by the new committee will help bring about some change at the CCC.

"The strength of the CCC lies in its students," Willis said. "Their voices need to be heard."

Corrections:

In the Oct. 12 article in the Features section titled "Burn Baby, Burn!," the address for the website where MP3s can be downloaded should have read: <http://gnutella.wego.com>

Campus Information

▼ Students interested in a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering are invited to apply for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program. In April, the Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be juniors or seniors in the 2001-2002 school year. The scholarship covers expenses up to \$7,500 per year. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 1, 2001. Interested sophomores and juniors should contact John Temple in the biology department at (540) 654-1533 by Nov. 1. Visit www.act.org/goldwater for more information on the scholarship.

▼ The Historic Preservation Club will hold its 16th Annual Ghost Walk on Friday, Oct. 27, and Saturday, Oct. 28. The hour-long tours will run every 10 minutes between 6 and 9 p.m., beginning at Market Square, behind the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center located at 907 Princess Anne St. Ghost Walk features 13 sites including the James Monroe Museum, the Mary Washington House, and the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop. Reservations must be made in advance. Tickets for the event are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10, Mary Washington students, and senior citizens. For more information or to register, call (540) 654-1316.

▼ L. B. Taylor, Jr. will be signing "Ghosts of Fredericksburg," "Civil War Ghosts of Virginia," and

his other ghostly tales at the MWC Bookstore on Monday, Oct. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. Taylor is the author of over 300 national articles and 30 nonfiction books. His ghost series has sold over 275,000 copies. For additional information contact the MWC Bookstore at (540) 654-1652.

▼ In honor of American Indian Heritage Month, the college will be sponsoring an American Indian Powwow on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Ball Circle (rain location Great Hall). The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the James Farmer Multicultural Center at (540) 654-1044.

▼ As part of Asian Cultural Week, the college will host "hereandnow", a play about today's Asia America, on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the James Farmer Multicultural Center at (540) 654-1044.

▼ SGA Info:

SGA is sponsoring Cooking 101 with the Wood Company on Monday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Seacobeck kitchen. The class is free and open to all students. For more information, contact the SGA office at (540) 654-1150.

Law Requires BOV Student Reps

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school."

John Lydon, Legislative Action Committee chair, said he is pleased with the bill.

"The purpose to bring up the bill was to improve relations between students and administration and to help put VSLA on the map," Lydon said. "VSLA was in its first year last year and now seven of the thirteen state-supported schools have adopted VSLA."

The Virginia Student Leadership Alliance is a group of students from Virginia's four-year colleges and universities who discuss different problems affecting their schools. The VSLA led the movement last January to change the Virginia Code.

Josh Maddox, a 2000 graduate of Mary Washington College and last year's Legislative Action Committee chair, was a member of the VSLA who proposed the bill and lobbied outside of Richmond.

"When the bill was passed it was very exciting and a good day for Virginia students," Maddox said on April 14.

Lydon feels that this bill will help students be better heard on different issues and concerns they have pertaining to their schools.

"The purpose of the BOV is that [the student body], the customer, and they want to help us out," Lydon said. "This guarantees now that the students will be heard and it improves relationships between the student body and administration."

Maddox said that student representation by the SGA president should be adopted by other schools.

"Most schools have a student picked at random for that position whereas MWC has the SGA president sit on the BOV," Maddox said. "I think our system works better with the SGA president as the student representative but I guess any student at any school would be able to voice the students opinions on certain

subjects to the BOV."

Turcic has only had positive things to say about the members of the BOV.

"They are very receptive and I enjoy working with them," she said. "They treat me as an equal and with a lot of respect. Nine of the 12 members on the BOV are alumni of MWC and they have a restive interest in students opinions and concerns."

Turcic has many responsibilities that go with her position as the BOV's student representative.

"For every agenda item I can discuss my opinion for the student body but am unable to vote," Turcic said. "I also compile a report to the BOV for each of their meetings and present the report during the student life section of the meeting. The report includes what student government is doing, what the student government plans on doing, and talks about the student clubs on campus."

Turcic is able to express her opinions only in open session meetings. During closed sessions she is not allowed to be present.

Maddox believes that the student body is not the only group to gain from student representation.

"With the students having a voice, the BOV knows what the students want and what their opinions are," Maddox said. "It gives them a better feel of what the students are concerned about and would like to see improved upon."

Lydon also agrees that the BOV cares to hear from the students.

"I know when I spoke with members of the BOV they said certain things came up and they want to hear: what the students have to say," Lydon said.

Turcic believes the system at Mary Washington College works well and will be used as a model for schools to follow whom this bill has affected.

"We at MWC are lucky because we have had a student representative sit on the BOV for years and now other schools that are starting look to us for help and guidance," Turcic said.

Police Beat

By ELIZABETH WATERS
News Editor



Oct. 10—Someone smelled smoke in Jefferson Hall. After an investigation, the source of the odor was determined to be an electrical short, but there was no determined fire.

Oct. 12—A student falsely summoned 911 from a campus telephone. If the student had been charged criminally, this would be a misdemeanor, but the student was instead referred to the administration.

Oct. 12—A student in Willard Hall filed a harassment complaint against another student. The student who filed the complaint chose not to press charges, so the case was referred to the administration.

Oct. 14—Rubio Estrada, 25, of Fredericksburg, was

charged with possession of marijuana while driving his vehicle on College Avenue in the vicinity of William Street.

Oct. 18—A cellular phone antenna was stolen from a college police vehicle. The antenna is valued at \$40. The incident is under investigation.

Oct. 21—Scott Coston, a student, was charged with sending harassing email messages, which is a class one misdemeanor. Coston was also referred to the administration.

Oct. 21—A student was found intoxicated in Bushnell Hall. College police escorted the student to Night Haven.

Viewpoints

your opinions

Still Waiting...

Three years ago, President William Anderson decided that Mary Washington College needed a huge metal globe in the middle of the fountain in front of Monroe Hall to honor Richard Palmieri, geography professor who had passed away.

Celebrating the professor's many accomplishments was an honorable goal, but the globe was not the way to do it, and students let Anderson know their feelings. Anderson decided to drop the globe plan and instead rename the area in front of Monroe Hall Palmieri Plaza.

Last year, Anderson dreamed up a new "campus beautification" plan: a mammoth obelisk in the middle of George Washington Circle with an Eagle on top. It would promote school spirit, so he decided to call it the "Spirit Column." After much student and faculty protest, Anderson put the plan on hold last semester and this week we learned that the plan was totally dropped.

Anderson's harebrained schemes to improve the college are nothing new (in the early 1980s he proposed changing the college's name to Washington-Monroe College in Virginia). However, to his credit, Anderson usually backs down when students articulately point out flaws with some of his ideas.

Just last week, Anderson said that if moving the James Farmer Multicultural Center back to Lee Hall works better, it would happen. If the college community hasn't already made it abundantly clear why a united Multicultural Center in Lee Hall works better than one divided between Lee Hall and a back-of-the-bus house on campus, Anderson will probably never be convinced.

But Anderson seems to be coming around. Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, however, is another story. Chirico is not known for being able to admit when he's wrong, and has never given any real indication that he is open to student concerns regarding the Multicultural Center.

The Oct. 5 Bulletin editorial asked Chirico to write a letter to The Bulletin explaining his position on the issue. To no one's surprise, he did not.

If Chirico doesn't want to explain his position, that's fine. He just needs to follow Anderson's lead and reverse his ill-fated plan for the dismantling of the Multicultural Center.

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Student Calls For Abolition Of Death Penalty

JEFF CAVANO
Guest Columnist

Imagine this. You are charged with first degree murder. Your drunken court-appointed attorney (you can't afford to hire your own) falls asleep during the trial (he is the judge's drinking buddy). He flunked criminal law, has only practiced for three years, and is later disbarred for gross incompetence.

There is no physical evidence linking you to the crime scene—no gun, no clothing samples, nothing, nada. The only prosecution witness, the only "evidence," a woman who witnessed the shooting from 40 feet away.

On two occasions, the witness could not identify you from a police lineup. And yet the prosecution places her on the stand, and she points her finger

at you. The jury deliberates. And finds you guilty. Sentences you to death. Then you die.

Think this is eerily reminiscent of Stalin's "Show Trials" in the 1930s? It has happened in Texas. To a man named Gary Graham. The state of Texas, under the Governorship of George W. Bush, executed him on June 23, 2000.

In all fairness the case wasn't so cut-and-dry. He had been convicted for a string of bank robberies, and the case was made that the murder of Bobby Lambert was the first act in his crime spree.

But still, bank robbery is not murder, no matter how far you stretch the definition.

And so, we have a convict who was going to spend a long time in prison, with or without a murder conviction, here we have a young poor black man convicted of a murder committed when he was 17, in a

case in which the court-appointed defense counsel was far from adequate.

And the sad thing is that this is no anomaly. Of the 3,500 people on death row in America today, almost all are poor, a vast majority are minorities, and often times their lawyers at trial were grossly incompetent.

Of every eight denizens of death row, one will be found to be completely innocent. That's well over 10 percent. In addition, when the United States signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, our country agreed to not execute anyone for crimes committed before the age of adulthood.

Am I really to believe that America is more barbaric than China, the authoritarian nation that stopped executing child offenders in 1993?

The case of Gary Graham (who took the name of Shaka

Sankofa while on death row) shows the most egregious abuses of the criminal system in America today. There is evidence that Graham was innocent.

Two other eyewitnesses were noted in the police report, and were never contacted by the defense. These witnesses have reported that it was not Graham who they saw that night.

Other witnesses came forward to testify that they were with Graham at the time of the murders.

Police forensics concluded that the .22 caliber revolver Graham had on his person when he was arrested was not the weapon that killed Bobby Lambert.

What service are we doing to the memory of Bobby Lambert if the man we execute for his murder is innocent? How has justice served by executing Gary Graham for a crime he did not

commit?

Because the criminal justice system is fallible, it does not have the right to impose the most final of punishments. There is always the possibility that the person being executed is innocent. And if any innocent person is executed, we will all have become accessories to murder.

It is time to demand a moratorium on executions. The place to start is at home—by demanding the City of Fredericksburg Council pass a resolution calling for a moratorium on the death penalty because there is no crime terrible enough to warrant death.

We must fight to abolish the death penalty, final punishment should not be left in the hands of the fallible. The state is not God, and should not have the powers of said deity.

Jeff Cavano is a junior.

Abortion Seen As A Life Issue, Not A Control One

BRIAN J. DeCORTA
SOUZA
Guest Columnist

After reading Melissa Cooper's guest column about RU-486 ("Facts Show RU-486 Is Safe For Women," Oct. 12), the drug recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration which causes a mother to expel her pre-born child from her womb causing it to die, I felt the need to expose its hypocrisy, misgrading statements and extremist views.

Cooper claims that in their Oct. 5 guest column ("RU-486 Draws Opposition"), Sarah Lucas and Audrey Moran use "one-sided statistics and quotes," as well as "scare tactics" by using facts from the National Right to Life Committee. She then goes on to do these very things herself.

Cooper uses quotes and statistics skepticism."

Next Cooper claims that Lucas from the Childbirth by Choice Trust, a foreign organization which states on its Web site that it

believes "women who are pregnant should have the option to choose what course of action to take with their pregnancy."

Clearly this organization is as biased, if not more, than the NLR.

Using the words of Sarah Meharg, who also wrote in its column,

"this is the type of information that exposing what happened in which should be looked upon with the Nazi death camps of

tearing the child limb from limb."

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Using this logic, one can say that exposing what happened in the Nazi death camps of

Auschwitz and Dachau are "pulling at the emotions of the reader."

If hearing that abortion involves tearing a child limb from limb disturbs you, congratulations, you have a conscience!

Cooper then makes the false claim that those who are pro-life are "a vocal minority." In fact, statistics show just the opposite. A Los Angeles Times poll released in June shows that only 43 percent of Americans support Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion through the second trimester.

Cooper finally resorts to using the extremist language of the National Abortion Federation and National Abortion and Reproductive Rights and Action League by calling people who are pro-life "anti-choice forces

working against reproductive progress for women."

Sadly, what Cooper, as well as many others who call themselves "pro-choice," do not understand is that pro-lifers do not oppose a woman's right to do whatever she wants with her body.

I have never heard a pro-lifer say that a woman should not be allowed to pierce a body part or get a tattoo. What pro-lifers do oppose, though, is the unnecessary killing of what is clearly another human being, who has his or her own unique genetic makeup completely separate from that of the mother.

Rather than dictating what women should do with their bodies, as Cooper accuses, pro-lifers are working to protect the sanctity of human life.

Brian J. DeCorta Souza is a junior



Cartoon by Heather Posey

Letters to the Editor

Support For Wood Company

Editor:

Congratulations to the team of Mary Washington College Dining Services (the "Wood Company") if you prefer their nationwide corporate label for rising to the challenge of providing one of the most important services on a college campus to thousands of students who each have their own unique food service needs, despite such marginalizing reviews as have appeared in this publication over the last few weeks.

Managers strive to make themselves visible and approachable during meal periods. Customer feedback cards are available on almost every table in Seacaback and the Nest, and a customer survey form

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Aquarius - You'll have to make all the effort to go after what you want, but you'll be successful with comparatively little effort.

Pisces - If you feel as if you're operating on high voltage, you may have to find ways to discharge some of that energy or risk blowing a fuse.

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Scorpio - You may be dealing with a partnership situation that can be troublesome and even seem restrictive at times.

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Capricorn - If you can find a project at a distance that will also include a mate or business partner, you'll be extremely satisfied and well rewarded.

Sexy Studs Strut Their Stuff

By JASON SMITH and SARAH LUCAS

Staff Writers

Six guys stand nervously behind the curtain. The curtain rises, and the lights blind them as the audience explodes. They break into a dance routine as the song "Can't Touch This" blares through the loudspeakers. Then the other 11 candidates follow, bumping and grinding to the music.

Seventeen contestants, one from each residence hall and several from local apartment complexes, competed in the event which involved students, faculty, and community members, for the coveted title of Mr. MWC 2000 on Wednesday, October 18. More than \$1,100 was collected in revenue from ticket sales and about \$350 of that will be going to the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence. A third of the proceeds went into the coffers of College Republicans, which cosponsored the event with Circle K, and another third paid for the cost of the show.

In front of a crowd of more than 400 people, the contestants were judged on creativity/originality, costume/clothing, personality/presence and audience response through each event.

"I've got butterflies all over the place," said Steve Busch, a contestant from Marshall Hall. "I'm hoping to at least make it to the second round."

Mr. Madison, Fernando Juarez, said that Mr. MWC has to stand out from the other contestants.

"[The winner] will be someone special, with a special quality that catches your eye," he said.

After the opening number, the contestants were introduced by hosts Elena Rousseau and Cynthia Lotze as they were escorted to the stage by female students. Ben Cubbage, Mr. Ball Hall, turned heads when he walked down the aisle in a long black dress.

"I just want to get jiggy with it," Cubbage said. Rousseau and Lotze enlightened the audience with facts about each contestant, including their favorite movies, quotes, and athletes, as well as their age, height, and weight. Juarez, a 5-foot-10, 21-year-old junior, said his hero is He-Man.

"He always beat Skelator with the power of Grayskull," Juarez said.

The audience also learned that the favorite character of Mr. Mercer, Mark Sturm, is Pee Wee Herman because they both have similar voices on appropriate public behavior.

Mr. Willard, Mike Fei, a 5-foot-8, 20-year-old junior, said the animal he most resembles is a duck. "[We] are both dumb as bricks," Fei said. Busch, Mr. Marshall Hall, said favorite star is Drew Carey. "He is the only successful person with a beer gut," Busch said.

After the contestants were introduced, including Busch, who was wearing pajamas while sporting a large teddy bear, they were each asked a question by Rousseau or Lotze. Mr. Jefferson, Josh Tootell, 5-foot-5 and 19-years-old, was asked, "You are Leonardo da Vinci. Why does Mona Lisa smile?"

"I just gave her her first real experience," Tootell said. Mr. Virginia, Patrick Loth, was asked "Elena or Cynthia, and why?"

"Well, you ladies are both so fine, I'll take you both at the same time," Loth said.

The question and answer session was followed by the evening wear and sportswear competition, which included Cubbage, in spandex and a sequin hat; Mr. New Hall, Monty Myers, in a fencing outfit with a sword, and Tootell, in a wet suit, who said he likes to watch "Dawson's Creek" in his sportswear.

After the sportswear competition, the judges narrowed down the contestants to eight semi-finalists: Busch, Loth, Cubbage, Shaun O'Brien, who was Mr. Prince Edward Street, Jody Greene, who represented Bushnell Hall, Sameer Vaswani, who was from the Greenbriar apartment complex, and Jesse Hanson, who was Mr. Hanover Street.

Recent graduate and Mr. MWC 1999 Derek Corryell then treated the audience to a stand-up comedy routine.

"Somehow I won...I didn't have to pay that many people off, either," Corryell joked.

The semi-finalists competed in the talent competition before they were narrowed down to three finalists. Vaswani bounced a ping-pong ball on a paddle while singing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star." Paice played the guitar and sang the song "Forever" by Ben Harper. Hanson demonstrated the "secret" MWC mating call of the native female,

after which he tore his shirt and a "native" proceeded to perform a water massage. After the talent portion of the competition, the judges narrowed the contestants down again, to three finalists: Cubbage, Paice and O'Brien.

Mr. Prince Edward was asked, "If you could rename any building on campus, what would you rename and why?"

After giving out his phone number to all the "single ladies" in the auditorium, he said he would rename New Hall with "something good."

Mr. Greenbriar was asked, "You graduated from MWC with great success, and you arrive at MWC in a limo. Who would you invite to lunch and why?" He said he would invite all the girls in Virginia Hall.



Mr. Bushnell was asked, "If you could have any super power, what would it be and how would you use it?" He responded, "the power to make big buckets of Ben and Jerry's ice cream."

At the end of the competition, O'Brien was announced as the second runner up. Cubbage and Paice held hands as they anxiously awaited the final result.

Mr. Greenbriar was the second runner up and Mr. Bushnell was crowned Mr. MWC 2000 by Mr. MWC 1999, after he threw his hat to the audience.

The highlight of Mr. Bushnell's act culminated in riding a miniature tractor around stage while lip syncing to Kenny Chesney's "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy."

After the competition Greene said, "I feel good, I'm so shook up, I can't stand still!"

Jamie Harper, a senior and contest director, said the show was a great success.

"The guys were so enthusiastic about the show, and their effort was really evident in the

performance," Harper said. "We were able to get a good crowd in Dodd and help make them more aware of the problem of domestic violence. It was a great time for an even better cause."

"The show pretty much ran along the lines of last year's contest, with a few improvements," Harper continued. "Since this year's contest was only the 2nd annual, we were still trying to find what works best and how to achieve an entertaining show."

Mr. Randolph, Ryan Thompson, enjoyed his experience. "I liked to think that I came out and did my best. It was for a good cause, so I was happy no matter how it turned out."



Brian Paice, a junior, (top right) and Jody Greene, a freshman, compete for the Mr. MWC 2000 title.

"[The winner] will be someone special, with a special quality that catches your eye."

Fernando Juarez

Spirit Week In Brief



Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Matt Aruch elected to cross-dress for his Lip Sync number during Spirit Week.

By SARAH LUCAS
Staff Writer

If Mr. Bushnell, Jody Greene could be any food, what food would he be and why?

"Ben and Jerry's," Greene, a freshman, said.

Why?

"Because guys like Ben and Jerry's."

Answers like this enabled Greene to snag the title of Mr. MWC 2000. The Mr. MWC contest on Wednesday, Oct. 18, kicked off homecoming week 2000, sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA). Spirit week also included the Commuting Student Association picnic, the Lip Sync contest, a bonfire and fireworks. The sum total to produce Spirit week was \$7,500.

Jennie Hettema, a sophomore, said she especially enjoyed the Mr. MWC contest.

"It was really funny, and a good way to get out of homework," Hettema said.

Mary Christ, a junior and organizer for the contest, said this year's Mr. MWC contest was better than last year's.

"I think [the contest] went really well," Christ said. "It was our second time doing it, and we worked out a lot of the kinks from last year. The guys did

a good job and we're really enthusiastic."

During the week, SGA also sold long-sleeved homecoming T-shirts and gave away free bottle-opener key chains.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, the Commuting Student Association picnic was held from 3 to 5 p.m. in Ball Circle. They served free food and gave out free cups.

Caroline Jarvis, Commuting Student Association president, said the turnout was good with approximately 450 to 500 people attending.

"It was kind of rough because I've never done anything like this before," Jarvis said. "But it went really well, and I think a lot of people enjoyed it. Everybody loves free food. That definitely brings everyone together."

The picnic was originally going to be for commuting students only, but then was opened up to the whole campus in keeping with the theme of Spirit week.

The Lip Sync contest, which was held on Thursday, Oct. 19, was sponsored by Class Council. Proceeds from the contest

go to the ALS Foundation, which helps treat Lou Gehrig's disease.

On Friday, Oct. 20, the Spirit Committee sponsored a bonfire between Randolph and Mason halls, with free food.

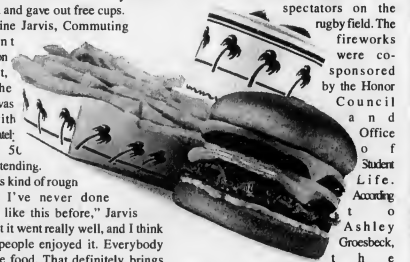
To end the week, fireworks were shot off from the battleground, with spectators on the

rugby field. The fireworks

were co-sponsored by the Honor Council and Office of Student Life.

According to Ashley Groesbeck, the executive coordinator for homecoming events, the fireworks cost \$4,000.

"We were pretty aggressive about coordinating [the fireworks]. We had to get state and local permits and a contract through a fireworks company," Groesbeck said.



Children In The Corn

By KIM WHITE

Assistant Features Editor

My friends and I gathered in the Willard Hall lobby dressed in warm clothes and armed with flashlights. All 11 of us piled into cars and headed out for the journey to the Great Adventure Maize Maze at Belvedere Plantation.

We were excited about walking through five miles of trails surrounded by corn to try to beat each other to the Victory Bridge. I figured that the thrill of victory would obviously be the greatest part of the evening. I was wrong.

We all arrived and piled into line to buy our tickets, fighting over which four would use the \$1-off coupon. I did not win that fight, so my wallet and I mourned the loss of \$7. I muttered to myself, "This better be worth seven whole dollars" as I exchanged my hard-earned money for a green corn-shaped ink stamp on my left hand.

After paying the entry fee and getting our hands stamped, we were instructed on proper maze etiquette by a tall skinny man with a high pitched, nasal voice. He explained the rules, emphasizing the fact that smoking around the 12 acres of 300,000 dry corn stalks would be a very bad thing.

Finally it was our turn to enter. We got to the bridge and had to present our team names. My group had decided to split into three teams, and of course we had to make it a competition, losers buy winners coffee. The three teams, Corn-fused, Sir Charles and His Fair Maidens, and then my team, Orange Cheerios, all headed into the maze.

This year's maze was cut out as a castle called the "Castle in the Clouds." Knowing this valuable piece of information was not much help, because 10 foot high corn stalks were you could see as you walked.

As we entered the maze, we came to the very first decision point. To turn right or left. The path to the left was dark but the path to the right was well lit and safe looking. My team stood silent for a moment as I decided to make this decision. I turned left, thinking out loud, "I bet they want us to take the well lit path. I'm sure it is a dead end." My

group agreed, thinking that my logic was great. We felt good and all turned left, only to run into a dead end.

From that point on, I was no longer allowed to make decisions.

We were lost after the first turn. What a long night this was going to be. As we doubled back we ran into a group that called themselves our flag cousins. Each group is given a flag to hold up as they walk through the maze. If you get too lost and need assistance, you can wave it in circles and help will come.

We found the colored flags to be heavy and annoying. Ours was a blue banner with fruit on it. It resembled a cornucopia and reminded me of something that used to hang in my third-grade classroom around Thanksgiving. The group we ran into had the very same flag, and were excited to meet us, their flag cousins. I came to the conclusion that they had spent a few too many hours in this maze already.

We quickly ditched our "cousins" and kept going, looking for a mailbox. Throughout the maize maze there are nine numbered mailboxes that each contain a piece of the castle map. Theoretically, if we had reached each mailbox and put together all nine map pieces, we would have been able to navigate the maze quite easily. This was not as easy as they made it sound. Our excitement mounted when we reached mailbox number eight, though we were confused that it was the first we found. But the important thing was that we had found a mailbox. Soon after that, we found box number seven.

I made the terrible mistake of saying out loud, "Look we found number seven. That means we are not going in a circle."

Just as soon as those words left my mouth our group passed mailbox eight again. And then we passed it again. How could we still be going in a circle, we were certain we had been making fresh turns. We were taking a different route each time. We were

determined not to pass number eight again, and then we did.

It was time to huddle and discuss our options. We had been in the maze for about 19 minutes and had gotten absolutely nowhere. We could still see the entrance.

There was no way we were going to win the competition, but more importantly there was no way that we were going to find the exit if we didn't start making some good decisions. So we tried again.

Watching the amusing other people in the maze was one thing that kept us going. Particularly amusing, were the frustrated couples toting children.

The only thing we heard from the couples were choruses of "No Honey, we need to turn here," and "No, Dear we turned here 20 minutes ago and we need to turn left now."

We were behind one such couple as we rounded the corner and found box number one. We had finally made it to another part of the maze.

Pressing on, we were startled by an interruption in the melody of music that had been piped into the maze for a loud speaker announcement about waving your flag.

The voice said, "Remember that if you need help, bob your flag up and down in a circle and we will come to help you."

Then, to our surprise the voice over the speakers started to talk to a specific group.

"Group with the yellow and green flag, are you circling your flag, do you need help? Circle your flag if you do."

Our group stopped to listen to what would happen next. The voice came on again saying, "Are you sure you do not need help, green and yellow flag?"

I laughed as we moved on, perhaps that group should have taken a hint and accepted the help.

Without any help, we somehow reached the Short Bridge, a landmark signifying that we were about halfway done, where a guy they called Sir Loyalist gave us a hint.

"All you need to do is go to the orange pennant, then under my bridge, then to the blue pennant and you will find your way to Victory Bridge," he said.

As silly and unhelpful as that clue seemed, we held on to it like it was our last hope. Later, when we did reach the orange pennant there was much rejoicing.

By this point we were tired and frustrated and had stopped collecting our map pieces. There was dissonance in our group. We were fighting as much as the married

couples. Moments before we had a complete mutiny within our group, we saw the blue pennant up ahead. We would soon be out of the corn.

We turned another corner, and there it was, Victory Bridge. We had made it in only one hour and 10 minutes. As we got ready to climb the stairs and be done with the maze forever, we passed a group of boys making a home video. Their project had a Blair Witch twist as they screamed about being lost in the corn for days and made final good-byes to their families. They then followed us

out of the maze laughing about their brilliant movie.

We stopped on Victory Bridge to check our official time but more importantly to see if we indeed had won. The person taking team names and times informed us that we were second. Corn-fused had finished in 55 minutes. At least we weren't last.

As we paused atop Victory Bridge,

basking in our glory, we looked back out at the beginning of the maze. What we saw shocked us. Our third group, Sir Charles and His Fair Maidens, were huddled at the beginning again. Knowing that they had at least another hour before they found their way out, we stopped our own celebrating. They finally did make it out of the maize maze in a mere two hours and thirty minutes.

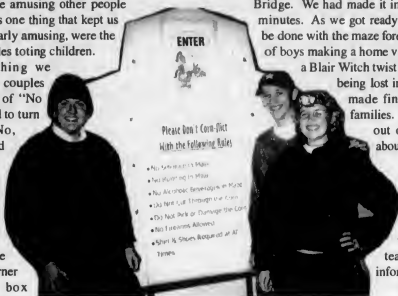


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Alison Hamilton, Charlie Sayers, and Casey Selden finished the maze in two hours and 30 minutes.

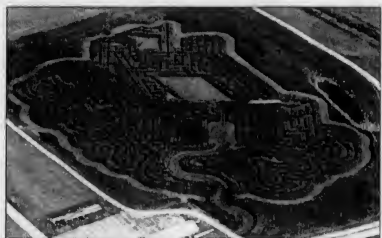


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An aerial view of the Castle in the Clouds Corn Maze at Belvedere Plantation.

The Great Adventure Maize Maze Castle in the Clouds Corn Maze

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FAST FACT:

Beth Hovdestad and Catherine Saifer eat bananas from the bottom to the top.

schedules

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Oct. 27: at Virginia Wesleyan
Oct. 30: CAC Tournament 1st round

Field Hockey

Oct. 26: at York
Oct. 28: CAC Championship

Womens Soccer

Oct. 26: vs. York
Oct. 28: CAC Championship

Volleyball

Oct. 31: CAC Tournament 1st round
Nov. 2: CAC Tournament semi-finals
Nov. 4: CAC Tournament finals

Cross Country

Nov. 4: CAC Championships

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Sept. 21: MWC 0 Greensboro 2
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Sept. 30: MWC 3 Goucher 1
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Oct. 7: MWC 3 York 1
Oct. 12: MWC 2 Catholic 0
Oct. 18: MWC 9 Galludet 0
Oct. 21: MWC 1 SSU 3

Womens Soccer

Sept. 24: MWC 12 Goucher 0
Sept. 30: MWC 0 Denison 3
Oct. 1: MWC 5 Chowan 0
Oct. 3: MWC 3 Randolph Macon 0
Oct. 7: MWC 3 York 0
Oct. 11: MWC 0 Galludet 0
Oct. 12: MWC 6 Marymount 0
Oct. 18: MWC 4 Catholic 0
Oct. 21: MWC 0 Johns Hopkins 1
Oct. 23: MWC 12 Galludet 0

Volleyball

Sept. 27: MWC 3 Galludet 0
Sept. 30: MWC 3 Meredith 0
Sept. 30: MWC 3 Shandoah 0
Sept. 30: MWC 0 Chris Newport 3
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Oct. 11: MWC 2 Randolph Macon 3
Oct. 14: MWC 3 Ramapo 0
Oct. 14: MWC 3 Villa Julie 1
Oct. 14: MWC 0 W & L 3
Oct. 14: MWC 0 W & L 3
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Oct. 19: MWC 0 Avert 3

Field Hockey

Sept. 24: MWC 2 Franklin & Mar. 1
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Oct. 10: MWC 3 Lynchburg 2
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Oct. 23: MWC 8 Goucher 0

athlete of
the week

Travis Jones

Winning his
second
consecutive race
at Homecoming

Fast Times at Mary Washington College

Women's Cross Country Wins Fourth Straight Mason Dixon Title, CAC's Next

By MATT KAPUSCINSKI
Staff Writer

The Eagles' cross country teams flew past most of their competition as the men placed second and the women placed first in the Mason Dixon Championships last weekend. The competition was MWC's only home meet in which the teams competed with five other schools at Pratt Park in Fredericksburg.

The women successfully defended last year's championship and were victorious despite losing junior captain Dana Foltz during the race, and they won first place with the low score of 48 points, beating Christopher Newport University (55) and Salisbury State University (63) in the

process. The men tied for second with Christopher Newport University with 53 points in a race won by Salisbury State University (42).

Sophomore Jessica Edberg and freshman Maggie Marriott paced the women's team. Edberg covered the 3.1-mile course in 19:40, earning her a fifth place finish. Marriott ran her best race of the season, grabbing seventh place overall with a time of 20:06.

"I was very happy with our performance as a team," Edberg said. "Everyone ran well. We were looking to have a pack of runners at the front, but it turned out to be a little more spaced out. I think we'll try to run as more of a pack at the CAC's."

The girls were also led to victory by team senior captains Natalie Alexander (10th place), Teresa Joerger, Bulletin associate editor,

(11th) and sophomore Raeschel Reed (15th).

Junior Travis Jones continued his dominance by winning his second consecutive race with a time of 26:47 over the five-mile course. Jones also won the Virginia State III Championships last weekend running a time of 25:50.

Freshman Erich Heckel placed third overall for the Eagles, with a time of 27:16. MWC also got help from sophomore Jamie Convin (16th) and juniors Jeremy Driver (17th), and Marc Jones (20th).

"Coming into the race, Coach [Stan] Soper told me that in order to beat Salisbury, I needed to come out and split their top two runners," Heckel said. "I ran behind them most of the way, and then one of them fell and I was able to come in third place. I was really happy with the team's performance and my

performance individually."

The afternoon was particularly hot leaving both teams exhausted at the end of the race. The course loops around the perimeter of the park, and one section that winds through the woods, forcing runners to watch their footing among the roots and rocks.

This was the Eagles' last race before the upcoming CAC Championships on Nov. 4 in Salisbury, Md. The Eagles will compete in the NCAA Division III Regional Championships on Nov. 11 in Newport News.

The upcoming week off leaves MWC a week to train and prepare for the upcoming NCAA races.

"This is an exciting time," Soper said. "It's getting down to crunch time. These are the meets that [we've] really, really been training for. We would like to do well."



Joel Nelson/Bullet
Travis Jones won two in a row.

A Spartan Among Us

Junior Looks To Take Athens In 2004 Olympics

By BRYAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

While most Mary Washington College students spent their summer days sleeping late, going to the beach, and enjoying the time off from school, Junior Andre Lapar spent four to five hours each day biking, swimming, and running. Lapar was not only trying to stay in shape for the upcoming swim season; he was training for one of many triathlons.

The sport that made its Olympic debut in the 2000 Games. The triathlon consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike race, and a 26.2-mile run. What would make a human being want to compete in such a grueling event? For Lapar, it was a matter of testing himself.

"I'd watch the Ironman competitions on television, and people would be passing out

and crawling across the finish line," Lapar recalls. "I just wanted to see if I'd be able to finish the race."

Lapar's first triathlon was the 1998 Seacrest-Tobay Triathlon, held in Oyster Bay, N.Y. While he did finish the race, Lapar placed 16 minutes behind the winning runner. For the next two years, Lapar has endured a strenuous training regimen that has begun to pay dividends for the MWC athlete.

"I do a lot of the work on my own," Lapar says of his training schedule. "I like to be able to push myself—some people need to train with others, but I do well alone. I feel like the harder I push myself, the harder I go."

Andre saw the results of his training recently when he qualified for the June 2000 World Championships in France. While attending this triathlon was an honor,

Lapar did not have the good fortune to complete the race.

"About 73 miles into the bike portion of the race, my bike flipped over and I smashed into the guardrail," Lapar said. "Man, I've never been so pissed in my whole life." The accident landed him in the hospital with a case of road rash and a gash in his hand that required seven stitches.

Lapar rebounded, however, and set his sights on the July 30 Ironman course in Lake Placid, N.Y. In the race, Lapar competed against professional triathlon veterans.

"I was going against pro athletes, guys who do this for a living."

In the end, Andre finished in 11 hours and 34 minutes. Although the winning time was 8 hours and 46 minutes, Lapar was not disappointed.

"Going against professional athletes was new. I'm a college student, and these guys get paid for competing. I was pretty happy," he said.

On August 20, Lapar returned to Oyster Bay for the 13th Annual Seacrest-Tobay Triathlon. Andre won this short-course race, finishing in 58 minutes and three seconds.

"I got fired up [for this race], because I had been doing the long courses. In this race, I would be competing against people who trained for a short-course race, so my endurance might give me an advantage down the stretch."

Lapar also competed in the Sept. 15 Colonial Race, a long-course championship in

Virginia. Finishing in 4 hours and 19 minutes, Andre placed fifth overall.

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Martine St. Germain, a senior midfielder, and a major force on the field, feels MWC needs to work on the intangibles to improve.

"We played really well but for some reason we couldn't get the shots off," Germaine said. "No matter how much we practice it, we can never seem to recognize an offside trap."

The team rebounded Tuesday when they played Gallaudet University in the first round and won 12-0.



Joel Nelson/Bullet
Mandy Thorpe breaks from a defender



Joel Nelson/Bullet
Jackie Loesch waits for a pass

Fellow senior Sarah Downey is optimistic about the upcoming second round of the CAC Tournament and is anxious to leave Saturday's loss behind.

"We've yet to win a big game against a good team, and though we shouldn't overlook Thursday's game, we have a great opportunity on Saturday to make that step," Downey said. "The CAC Tournament is like the beginning of a new season, a big win on Saturday will help us feel accomplished and have a momentum as we move forwards."

St. Germain also commented about the importance of the upcoming games.

"Whichever team [Marymount or York] we end up playing on Thursday will be a tough game but here is no doubt we can beat them and move on to Regionals and Nationals."

Despite the tough loss on Homecoming, the women's soccer team appears to be ready for the upcoming challenges of CAC play.

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The Eagles' cross country teams flew past most of their competition as the men placed second and the women placed first in the Mason Dixon Championships last weekend. The competition was MWC's only home meet in which the teams competed with five other schools at Pratt Park in Fredericksburg.

The women successfully defended last year's championship and were victorious despite losing junior captain Dana Foltz during the race, and they won first place with the low score of 48 points, beating Christopher Newport University (55) and Salisbury State University (63) in the

process. The men tied for second with Christopher Newport University with 53 points in a race won by Salisbury State University (42).

Sophomore Jessica Edberg and freshman Maggie Marriott paced the women's team. Edberg covered the 3.1-mile course in 19:40, earning her a fifth place finish. Marriott ran her best race of the season, grabbing seventh place overall with a time of 20:06.

"I was very happy with our performance as a team," Edberg said. "Everyone ran well. We were looking to have a pack of runners at the front, but it turned out to be a little more spaced out. I think we'll try to run as more of a pack at the CAC's."

The girls were also led to victory by team senior captains Natalie Alexander (10th place), Teresa Joerger, Bulletin associate editor,

(11th) and sophomore Raeschel Reed (15th).

Junior Travis Jones continued his dominance by winning his second consecutive race with a time of 26:47 over the five-mile course. Jones also won the Virginia State III Championships last weekend running a time of 25:50.

Freshman Erich Heckel placed third overall for the Eagles, with a time of 27:16. MWC also got help from sophomore Jamie Convin (16th) and juniors Jeremy Driver (17th), and Marc Jones (20th).

"Coming into the race, Coach [Stan] Soper told me that in order to beat Salisbury, I needed to come out and split their top two runners," Heckel said. "I ran behind them most of the way, and then one of them fell and I was able to come in third place. I was really happy with the team's performance and my

performance individually."

The afternoon was particularly hot leaving both teams exhausted at the end of the race. The course loops around the perimeter of the park, and one section that winds through the woods, forcing runners to watch their footing among the roots and rocks.

This was the Eagles' last race before the upcoming CAC Championships on Nov. 4 in Salisbury, Md. The Eagles will compete in the NCAA Division III Regional Championships on Nov. 11 in Newport News.

The upcoming week off leaves MWC a week to train and prepare for the upcoming NCAA races.

"This is an exciting time," Soper said. "It's getting down to crunch time. These are the meets that [we've] really, really been training for. We would like to do well."



Joel Nelson/Bullet
Travis Jones won two in a row.

A Spartan Among Us

Junior Looks To Take Athens In 2004 Olympics

By BRYAN JOHNSON

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While most Mary Washington College students spent their summer days sleeping late, going to the beach, and enjoying the time off from school, Junior Andre Lapar spent four to five hours each day biking, swimming, and running. Lapar was not only trying to stay in shape for the upcoming swim season; he was training for one of many triathlons.

The sport that made its Olympic debut in the 2000 Games, the triathlon consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike race, and a 26.2-mile run. What would make a human being want to compete in such a grueling event? For Lapar, it was a matter of testing himself.

"I'd watch the Ironman competitions on television, and people would be passing out

and crawling across the finish line," Lapar recalls. "I just wanted to see if I'd be able to finish the race."

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Andre saw the results of his training recently when he qualified for the June 2000 World Championships in France. While attending this triathlon was an honor,

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"About 73 miles into the bike portion of the race, my bike flipped over and I smashed into the guardrail," Lapar said. "Man, I've never been so pissed in my whole life." The accident landed him in the hospital with a case of road rash and a gash in his hand that required seven stitches.

Lapar rebounded, however, and set his sights on the July 30 Ironman course in Lake Placid, N.Y. In the race, Lapar competed against professional triathlon veterans.

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In the end, Andre finished in 11 hours and 34 minutes. Although the winning time was 8 hours and 46 minutes, Lapar was not disappointed.

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On August 20, Lapar returned to Oyster Bay for the 13th Annual Seacrest-Tobay Triathlon. Andre won this short-course race, finishing in 58 minutes and three seconds.

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"We played really well but for some reason we couldn't get the shots off," Germaine said. "No matter how much we practice it, we can never seem to recognize an offside trap."

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Mandy Thorpe breaks from a defender



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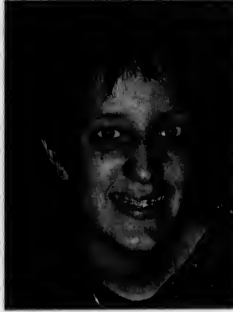
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"There was a large number of men dressed like women so I had a good amount of laughs!" said freshman Jason Peterson.

Not only was it an enjoyable evening for everyone, but also Class Council raised \$500 for the ALS Foundation. ALS is Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also called Lou Gehrig's Disease. The ALS Foundation is an organization that raises money for research on the disease, and helps provide patient services.

It is never too early to begin practicing for next year's show, so don't miss out on the opportunity or the super fun of the Lip Sync Contest.

Rent 'High Fidelity' With John Cusack And Go Home Happy

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sap to make his character less believable. He talks about Laura in the highest regard and still loves her but, at the same time, he makes stupid, asinine choices in his revengeful boyfriend mindset that he also thinks will help win her back.

For example, he calls her new apartment at dinner time over and over from a nearby phone booth in the pouring rain, merely to piss off Ian, her new hippie boyfriend, who is played by Tim Roberts.

Inarguably, any scene featuring Barry in the store is absolutely hilarious.

From his first scene in the movie in which he whirls in with his "Monday Morning Tape" (by the way, he whirls into the store Monday afternoon), his character is snide and hyperactive, ready to challenge anyone else's discontent with his musical opinions. Described as a musical "elitist snob" by a customer, the question remains as to why he isn't fired; he does everything detrimental to the store's success

as he possibly can.

In one memorable scene he refuses to sell a copy of "I Just Called to Say I Love You" to a middle-aged man. When the customer asks why he can't have the CD, Barry replies, "Because it's sentimental tacky crap. Does it look like we sell that here? Go to the mall." Dick counters Barry's over-the-top personality amusingly, meekly challenging each of Barry's ludicrous musical ideas.

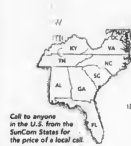
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how to find his exes.

Directed by Stephen Frears ("Dangerous Liaisons"), this movie is an excellent mix of romantic comedy and musical trivia. I wouldn't suggest waiting until you're bored on a Sunday to rent it.

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'It's Gonna Be Me': Students Battle For Best Lip-Sync

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won them \$300 for the third place prize. Pepsi donated \$2,000 to Class Council from Pepsi, to cover the cost of the prizes. A \$500 gift certificate to the Back Room, presented by The Wood Company, was also donated to the contest.

Dodd Auditorium was filled with an enthusiastic crowd that supported all the contestants with loud screams and cheers.

"There was a large number of men dressed like women so I had a good amount of laughs!" said freshman Jason Peterson.

Not only was it an enjoyable evening for everyone, but also Class Council raised \$500 for the ALS Foundation. ALS is Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also called Lou Gehrig's Disease. The ALS Foundation is an organization that raises money for research on the disease, and helps provide patient services.

It is never too early to begin practicing for next year's show, so don't miss out on the opportunity or the super fun of the Lip Sync Contest.

Rent 'High Fidelity' With John Cusack And Go Home Happy

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sap to make his character less believable. He talks about Laura in the highest regard and still loves her but, at the same time, he makes stupid, asinine choices in his revengeful boyfriend mindset that he also thinks will help him her back.

For example, he calls her new apartment at dinner time over and over from a nearby phone booth in the pouring rain, merely to piss off Ian, her new hippie boyfriend, who is played by Tim Roberts.

Inarguably, any scene featuring Barry in the store is absolutely hilarious.

From his first scene in the movie in which he whips in with his "Monday Morning Tape" (by the way, he whips into the store Monday afternoon), his character is snide and hyperactive, ready to challenge anyone else's discontent with his musical opinions. Described as a musical "elitist snob" by a customer, the question remains as to why he isn't fired; he does everything detrimental to the store's success

as he possibly can.

In one memorable scene he refuses to sell a copy of "I Just Called to Say I Love You" to a middle-aged man. When the customer asks why he can't have the CD, Barry replies, "Because it's sentimental tacky crap. Does it look like we sell that here? Go to the mall." Dick counters Barry's over-the-top personality amusingly, meekly challenging each of Barry's ludicrous musical ideas.

Round out the case are Catherine Zeta-Jones, Lili Taylor, and Joelle Carter as Rob's ex-girlfriends, Joan Cusack as a mutual friend of Rob and Laura's, and Lisa Bonet as a sultry singer who seduces Rob. In addition, Bruce Springsteen advises Rob on how to find his exes.

Directed by Stephen Frears ("Dangerous Liaisons"), this movie is an excellent mix of romantic comedy and musical trivia. I wouldn't suggest waiting until you're bored on a Sunday to rent it.



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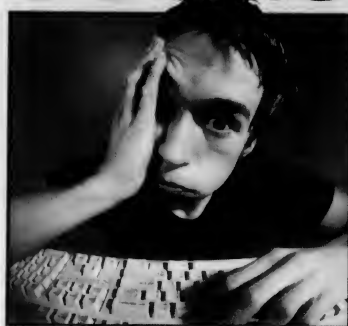
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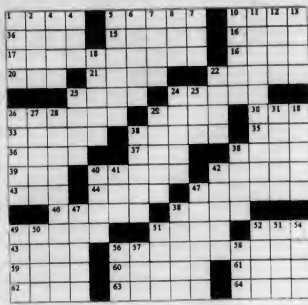


Crossword

By Ed Canty

"Winter Wonderland"

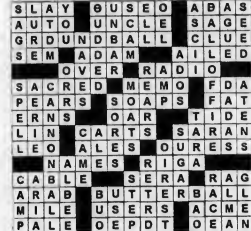
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61 Happy tune
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9 Musician Paul
10 Influential person
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12 Shorty
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24 Feigned
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26 Connect
27 Web locations
28 Winter transport
29 Nobleman
31 Stop
32 Basketball official
34 Centers
38 Mail

40 Winter foot wear
41 Bee follower
42 Virucous
45 Famous Calif. beach
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The answer to this week's crossword will be appear in the next Bulletin.

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Sign Language Not Getting Its Due

Editor:

After reading the Oct. 5 article in the Bulletin ("Students
Bemoan Difficult Foreign Language Classes") about
students fulfilling their foreign language requirement at
other schools because of the difficulty level of the same
classes taught here at Mary Washington College, I felt
the need to bring up some information that I have become
aware of, especially since the faculty of the foreign
language seems to be stuck in an abyss of denial.

From my understanding, there has been a recent
request proposed to the foreign language department to
consider teaching American Sign Language (ASL) as a
foreign language. Considering the number of students
who have approached me wanting to know the signs for
various words and phrases and the fact that a club was
formed to create an environment in which to teach and
learn ASL, I am sure that it would be a popular series of
classes.

However, despite the fact that ASL is recognized as a
foreign language, is taught at high schools and colleges
all over the country as a foreign language, is considered
linguistically to be a distinct language complete with
dialects, specific grammatical form and cultural
traditions, the foreign language department refuses to
consider the request on the grounds that ASL is not a
language.

According to the foreign language department, ASL
is not a language because it is not attached to a specific
culture and it has no written tradition. In my linguistics
course, I learned that many cultures did not have a written
tradition yet, these cultures still had a recognized
language. At the center of their languages were strong

and rich oral traditions that were handed down from
generation to generation as a way of preserving what was
not written.

ASL may have no written tradition, but it has a very
unique and rich "oral" tradition at the center of its culture.
Yes, I said culture.

One of the unifying aspects of any culture is language.
It is the one thing that every person within a given culture
has in common and as such, it binds people together under
a single cultural identity regardless of what differences
they may possess. The language that we use also
communicates to others what cultural identity we possess
so that language not only serves to connect individuals
to a culture, it also serves as a signifier of cultural identity.

ASL is the language that ties individuals of the deaf
culture together. To better understand this, one should
understand that a person who lacks hearing is not
automatically considered to be deaf. I have a profound
hearing impairment and hear virtually nothing, but I am
not deaf.

The term "deaf" actually has nothing to do with how
much a person can or cannot hear. It is a label used to
identify a person as belonging to the deaf culture which
is not based on the common factor of a shared hearing
impairment, but rather on the language used. That
language is American Sign Language, and it reflects the
uniqueness and strength of a misunderstood culture that
contains people who do not view their hearing loss as a
disability but as a preferred way of living.

Tammie Willis
Senior

Wood Good, Student Says

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unavoidable, rewards include constant criticism from
unappreciative customers who would starve without
you." I can't imagine why some people, workers and
managers alike, don't have the guts for a job like this.

Enough of these tirades. The reality is that the Dining
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things, what will we have to complain about?

Susan Wilburn
Junior

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DREAM: Students Fight For Farmer

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Oct. 19, Anderson did comment on moving Ameeta Vashee, who is serving as assistant dean of multicultural affairs with additional responsibilities, back into Lee Hall. Anderson was quoted in the Free Lance-Star as saying, "If it works better to move her back, we'll move her back."

Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs, agreed that the option does remain open.

"I've said and maintained from the very beginning that we would always do a review, evaluation, and assessment of the changes and see what works and what doesn't work," Chirico said.

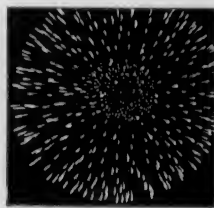
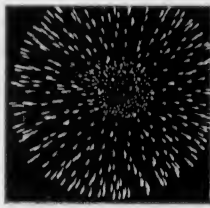
While members of DREAM wait until November to have a formal meeting with Anderson, they are making plans to redecorate the James Farmer Multicultural Center located in Lee Hall.

According to Williams, members are in the process of having a large painting of James Farmer made which will hang in the center. Farmer was a civil rights activist and teacher at the college from 1985 to 1999. They are also trying to get basic necessities, such as desks and chairs, moved into the center.

"This is a pressing issue that needs to be addressed," Williams said. "Changes need to occur."

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Students, Alumni Get Fired Up For Homecoming

More Than 1,000 Turn Out For The College's First-Ever Fireworks Display

By ROBIN RAE MORGAN
Staff Writer

Thunderous booms filled the peaceful air Saturday night as the sky lit up with red, gold, purple and green at the Mary Washington College rugby field as part of the Student Government Association's Spirit Week festivities. According to Kelly Turcic, Student Government Association president, at least 1,000 people showed up for the college's first-ever fireworks display.

The display, which started at about 7:30 p.m. and was incorporated into Homecoming events as the finale to Spirit Week, became a new event for the college this weekend.

"It was an idea that I had for last year's Homecoming events but [SGA] wasn't able to get the paperwork in time," Turcic said. "It was my brain child, but my executive coordinator Ashley Groesbeck really made it happen for us. She did a wonderful job."

As a result of the company's good reputation and experience, Zambelli's Fireworks International, based in New Castle, Penn., was hired by the SGA to execute the display.

"The only way that the school would have let [the fireworks] happen was if it was a very reputable company," Groesbeck said.

The fireworks display, which cost \$4,000, could not have happened without some financial assistance. According to Groesbeck, the SGA was only allotted \$2,000 for Spirit Week festivities which, including the fireworks, totaled \$7,500. Considering these budget constraints, the SGA was forced to request co-sponsorship from other organizations. The sources of the funds were: \$4,000 given by the Finance Committee, \$500 from the

Honor Council, another \$500 from Student Life, and \$100 from the Mary Washington College Republicans.

Seh Kennard, Honor Council president, said that the Honor Council's role in supporting Spirit Week was important because it was also helpful in supporting Honor Council's upcoming Honor Awareness Week.

"We have Honor Awareness Week coming up Nov. 3 through 9 and we try to help sponsor an event prior to it so that we can get our name out there," Kennard said. "Ashley [Groesbeck] came to us with the concept and won us over with her presentation."

Because the company doing fireworks was so reputable, Turcic, Groesbeck and Kennard said that the biggest concern was attendance at the event rather than problems with safety.

Turcic, who has seen several fireworks displays by Zambelli's, said that safety was never much of an issue, but that the college, Zambelli's Fireworks International, and local fire department personnel, took all safety precautions.

Ruth Lovelace, the director of environmental health and safety at the college, and Luther Heron, a fireworks inspector, made sure that all safety precautions were taken, including checking the site and getting local fire and rescue personnel to be at the event in case of any

problems. These precautions were not only required by the college before the event could take place but were also needed before any local or state permits would be issued to allow the fireworks to be displayed.

"Other departments on campus had to be involved in many of the decision-making processes that enabled the fireworks to take place," Groesbeck said.

Student Life and Student Activities were involved, as well as the Athletic Department. Groesbeck said that the athletic department played a key role in planning the event because it was important to get permission to use the Battlefield Complex.

"Everyone was basically pretty receptive to the idea initially and especially once everyone was sure that nothing would burn down," Groesbeck said. "The Alumni [Association] and President's Office were always very enthusiastic."

The event was advertised across the campus as a part of other Spirit Week promotions as well as in the Free-Lance Star Weekender Section.

According to Groesbeck, 900 form letters were also sent out to residents in the community, informing them of the event and inviting them to join in on the celebration.

"I think that the fireworks were really good. I'm a fireworks snob so that's really impressive."

Kelley Stroup

"There were so many people from the community there and I think that this put the college in a good light with residents near campus," Turcic said.

John Maurer, a resident of the Fredericksburg area, saw the SGA's advertising in the Free Lance-Star and felt that it was a great opportunity to take his son Colin, 7, and his daughter Rebecca, 5, to see the fireworks. The two children screamed excitedly throughout the display.

"It was easy to get to and there was a lot of parking," Maurer said. "It sure beats Central Park on the Fourth of July."

Mary Washington College freshman Emily Falvey said that she enjoyed the celebration, especially the finale.

"It was really great," she said. "There were lots of them and they were really fast. It was a good way to start a Saturday night."

Members of the local community and Mary Washington College students were not the only ones to enjoy the fireworks display.

Junior Kelley Stroup and her roommate, junior Amy Womac, were joined at the celebration by Womac's boyfriend, a junior at Vassar College.

"I was really impressed by the fireworks for this small of a campus and budget," Womac said. "It was nice to see such a huge turnout of people."

Stroup agreed. "I think that the fireworks were really good," Stroup said. "I'm a fireworks snob so that's really impressive."

Kennard believes that the outcome from Saturday night's fireworks will enable future use of fireworks at Spirit Week celebrations, which will be an answer to Turcic's prayers.

"I certainly hope that next year's student government makes this a tradition because it was an absolutely great turnout and end to the day," Turcic said. "I hope they embrace it and make it something that students can come to expect each year."

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